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SUBJECT: SPAIN: PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING TO ATTEND
MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT NOVEMBER 27

REF: (A) MADRID 8179; (B) PARIS 30256; (C) COHEN-MARSH
TELECON NOVEMBER 20

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1. TO CONFIRM REF (C), GOF HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL ATTEND MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MADRID NOVEMBER 27. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT GISCARD HAS DECIDED TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FRANCE AND SPAIN. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. GISCARD'S DECISION TO GO TO MADRID CONSTITUTES SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL ACT. WHEN GISCARD INVITED JUAN CARLOS TO HUNTING WEEKEND LAST FEBRUARY, HE HAD CHANCE TO TAKE MEASURE OF FUTURE SPANISH CHIEF OF STATE. HE APPARENTLY DECIDED TO DEMONSTRATE FULL SUPPORT FOR JUAN CARLOS AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES CURRENTLY IN FORCE.
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THIS IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO GOF'S WAIT-AND-SEE REACTION

TO PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION. GISCARD'S ATTENDANCE INDICATES GOF WILL BE SEEKING TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM INFLUENCE ON NEW REGIME, WITH EMPHASIS ON POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION AND CLOSER TIES TO EC-9.
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